

I feel that XM should be allowed to provide local traffic and weather on thier service.

Local broadcasters don't realize that there are still a huge percentage of people who don't have XM, and a lot of older folks have no intention of getting it. Many local stations aren't continouious with thier information, many stations making you wait 15 to 20 minutes for a traffic and weather report, by that time, you could be stuck in traffic. Also the ability to check up on weather in other areas allows one to plan ahead on long road trips.

If local stations want to better compete, I don't feel they should force a government mandate to prohibit XM from providing this information. If NAB's petition 04-160 is passed, what's next, are they going to file injunctions against internet websites that provide the same thing? No, that'd be impractical, the same way it'd be impractical for them to complain about a national service giving information about weather and traffic, afterall, no one has complained about The Weather Channel.